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THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF SCIENCE.

THE meetings of the American Association for the Advancement of Science at Detroit next week and of the British Association at Toronto on the following week are events of more than ordinary moment. The visit of the British Association to Montreal in 1884 gave a considerable impulse to science in America. The meeting of our own Association in that year was attended by three hundred British men of science, the total attendance, 1249, being the largest in its history. In the thirteen years that have since elapsed science in America has made a great forward movement. The scientific research accomplished at our universities now surpasses that of the British universities; the work done under our government is greater than in any other country; our scientific journals have doubled in number and increased in influence. If our Association has scarcely kept abreast of the great progress of science, this is the proper time to give it a due place in the scientific economy.

It is certainly the duty as well as the privilege of every American man of science to try to attend the meetings at Detroit and